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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Gary L. Welch

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment, filed 15 July 2005, has been reviewed and considered. In view of applicant's amendment and arguments, the specification objection and prior art rejections raised in the first Office Action are withdrawn. However, an updated search and further review of the prior art of record has prompted the following rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Latina (U.S. 3,576,036) in view of Fitzgerald (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0221365).

Latina discloses a conventional baseball glove 10 having a shell back, shell palm, a lining, a gusset, leather accessories, leather lacings, web and adjustable band. The Jepson format claim acknowledges that the elements recited before the recitation "characterized in that" (line 8) is prior art.

However, Latina does not disclose that the gusset is made from a ventilative material and sewed between two contiguous fingers of the shell back and shell palm.

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Fitzgerald teaches a sports glove (Col. 1, lines 8-10) having gussets (26a-c) between two contiguous fingers joined to both the shell back and shell palm (paragraph 0019) for providing ventilation to the user's fingers thereby enabling the user's fingers and hand to be comfortable during use in hot climates (paragraph [0006]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the glove making art at the time the invention was made to provide gussets as taught by Fitzgerald between two contiguous fingers of the glove of Latina so as to provide ventilation to the user's fingers thereby enabling the user's fingers and hand to be comfortable during use in hot climates.

With regard to claims 2 and 5, the ventilative material is Neoprene (Col. 2, paragraph [0019]).

With regard to claim 4, the invention is disclosed in one or more of the above rejected claims.

4. Claims 3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Latina (U.S. 3,576,036) in view of Fitzgerald (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0221365) as applied to claims 1 and 4 above, and further in view of Wilder et al. (U.S. 5,787,506).

Latina and Fitzgerald disclose the invention substantially as claimed above.

However, they do not disclose that the lining has a plurality of ventilative pores.

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Wilder et al. teaches a sports glove having a lining with at least one ventilative pore in the lining so that the user's hands and fingers will remain cool and ventilated during use (claim 1).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a plurality of ventilative holes as taught by Wilder et al. to the lining of the glove of Latina so as to ensure that the hands and fingers of the wearer remain cool and ventilated during use.

Conclusion

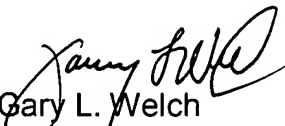
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Chong '877, Julianelli et al. '688, Widdemer '552, Kawada '275 and Stanley et al. '122 disclose a sports glove having ventilative gussets between two contiguous fingers.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary L. Welch whose telephone number is (571) 272-4996. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 5:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J. Calvert can be reached on (571) 272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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